




Sully Spotlight

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Events of Interest

Monday, Dec. 14th
Santa's Ride:
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before 9 a.m.

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Officer of the Quarter



APO Alan Gonzalez #9318

Auxiliary Police Officer Alan Gonzalez was chosen as Officer of the Quarter by Sully's Citizens Advisory Committee. APO Gonzalez was chosen for his tremendous dedication not only to the department but to the citizens of Fairfax County.

APO Gonzalez has been a Fairfax County employee for approximately three years and currently works at the Public Safety Transportation Operations Center PSTOC as a dispatcher. Shortly after being hired, he was accepted into the Auxiliary Police Program. Upon graduation, he was assigned to the Sully District Station and has been volunteering for about two years. During his short time here, APO Gonzalez has sought training in multiple areas of law enforcement. He is trained as a sign board operator, certified child safety seat installer, radar trailer operator, as well as trained to conduct home security surveys.

APO Gonzalez consistently utilizes his training and currently spends up to fourteen days a month volunteering at the Sully District Station. All of this on top of working full time at PSTOC. APO Gonzalez consistently attends 5:30 a.m. roll call and always asks if there are any assignments for him. He routinely performs school crossing assignments as well as assisting other officers with calls for service. When not being tasked with an assignment, APO Gonzalez conducts proactive patrol, issuing parking tickets, handling accidents, and calling in suspicious activity. He also offers helpful advice for successful operation of our new dispatch system to other officers. APO Gonzalez is a true asset to this department and is well-deserving of this award. Great job Alan!

Holiday Crime Prevention

During the holidays, the potential for thefts and robberies increases. More people are out and about, and they are carrying more gifts and money than during other times of the year. While there's no need to be afraid, you should keep in mind the following holiday safety reminders:

- **Carry your valuables wisely.** Do not keep cash in your wallet. Instead, keep it in an inside pocket and only carry the credit cards you'll need.
- **Do not leave valuables in your vehicle.** If you must leave packages in your car, put them in the trunk. Keep receipts with you.
- **Carry a cell phone with you.** If someone makes you suspicious or uncomfortable, notify security or call the police.
- **Whenever possible, park and walk in well-lit areas.** Be aware of your surroundings, especially the people around you.
- **Carry your purse close to you,** with the opening or flap towards your body. Never leave a purse unattended in a shopping cart.
- **Do not keep a wallet, credit cards or cash in a backpack.** If you are in a crowd, consider carrying the backpack in front of you. Pickpockets can quickly and easily remove items from a backpack without being noticed by the owner.
- **Protect your credit card numbers and other personal information.** Carefully dispose of receipts that have a credit card number on them. Never provide credit card information in response to unsolicited calls or e-mails.
- **Don't announce your new high-dollar purchases after the holidays.** Break down the boxes of TVs, stereos, computers, etc. and turn them inside out before putting them in the trash.
- **If you are traveling for the holidays, make your home look "lived in."** Have a friend or neighbor collect your mail and newspapers or have your service suspended while you are away. Use timers to turn lights off and on.





**Fairfax County
Police Department
Motor Squad**



**Fairfax County
Sheriff's Office
Virginia State Police**



21st Annual Santa's Ride

2009

Donate **NEW** unwrapped toys, games, books, and gifts to be distributed to children at Fairfax Hospital and to children in the community who might not otherwise have a cheerful holiday season!

We need your help!

Please bring your items to any Fairfax County Police Station or the lobby of the Government Center, no later than 9 a.m.

Monday, December 14th.



**Falls Church
Sheriff's Office
Fairfax City
Police Department**



**Vienna Department
Police
Herndon
Police Department**



Upcoming Events

Monday, December 14th– Santa's Ride: Gifts must be dropped off before 9 a.m. on this date.

For more information see the flyer on page 5.

RECENT CRIME TRENDS

- ☞ GPS thefts continue to rise. If you leave a GPS unit on your dash or mounted to your windshield in an unattended vehicle, you are asking for trouble. Please remove all GPS units and other items of value from your vehicle. **Keep your vehicle locked at all times!**

Thefts from vehicles continue to be a problem in our district. This is an issue that could be greatly improved if more people would take responsibility and remove valuables from their vehicle or even lock their car doors. I will continue to leave the flyer, on page 7, in the newsletter and I hope that you will help me spread the message.

Let's strive to prevent these types of crimes. Report all suspicious activity to the police. When in doubt, call it in!

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

Identity Theft

- ☞ 1. Watch for shoulder-surfers. When entering a PIN number or a credit card number in an ATM machine, on a cell phone, or even on a computer at work, be aware of who is nearby and make sure nobody is peering over your shoulder to make a note of the keys you're pressing.
- ☞ 2. Require photo ID verification. Rather than signing the backs of your credit cards, you can write "See Photo ID". In many cases, store clerks don't even look at the signature block on the credit card, and a thief could just as easily use your credit card to make online or telephone purchases which don't require signature verification, but for those rare cases where they do actually verify the signature, you may get some added security by directing them to also make sure you match the picture on the photo ID.
- ☞ 3. Shred everything. One of the ways that would-be identity thieves acquire information is through "dumpster-diving," aka trash-picking. If you are throwing out bills and credit card statements, old credit card or ATM receipts, medical statements or even junk-mail solicitations for credit cards and mortgages, you may be leaving too much information laying about. Buy a shredder and shred all papers with personal information before disposing of them.

Please don't drink and drive during this holiday season..



Sully District Station Child Seat Inspections

Is your child seat installed properly? Is it the correct seat for your child's age and weight? Did you know that your Sully District Station offers free child seat inspections by certified technicians? **Next available date:** December 17th 5 p.m.-8:30 p.m.



No appointment is necessary. Our technicians request that you make an effort to install your child safety seats yourself, so that they may properly inspect and make adjustments, as necessary. For additional child seat inspection times, you can call the Fairfax County Operations Support Bureau at 703-280-0559.

CAC Corner



The Citizens' Advisory Committee provides a means for the district station commander and police staff to hear citizens' concerns directly, provide information on police issues and allows group members to share information with others in their residential, business, civic or church groups. It is a valuable bridge between the community and the police department.

Sully Police District residents and business people who are interested in learning more about the Sully District CAC are encouraged to contact PFC P. B. Katinsky at 703-814-7018.

Upcoming S.A.L.T. Meetings

When: January 13th

Where: To be determined (please call PFC P.B. Katinsky at 703-814-7018)

When: February 10th at 11 a.m.

Where: Sully District Station– 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly, Virginia 20151

To learn more about TRIAD/S.A.L.T. please visit page 9 or www.vaag.com

Prevention Awareness



FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT
Sully District Station
Crime Prevention Unit



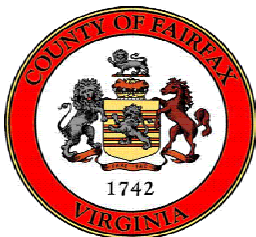
THEFTS FROM VEHICLES ARE ON THE RISE !

Protect your property !!

Increasing numbers of purses, wallets, laptop computers, GPS units, iPods, cameras, and other valuable items are being stolen from vehicles.

Tips for deterring thefts:

- Do not leave valuables visible from the outside.
- Items should be REMOVED and not just concealed.
- Lock all doors and close the windows when leaving the car, even if it's only for a short time.
- When possible, try to park in a well-lit area.
- Call the police IMMEDIATELY if you observe ANY suspicious people, vehicles, or activity in your neighborhood.



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Non-Emergency 703-691-2131
Emergency 911

For more information please contact the Sully District Station Crime Prevention Unit at 703-814-7018 or 703-814-7048

Sully District Police Station
4900 Stonecroft Boulevard
Chantilly, VA 20151

Main Phone 703-814-7000
Fax 703-814-7013

File a Report online
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/crs

Virginia Amber Alert
<http://www.vaamberalert.com>

Code of Virginia
Serchable Database

<http://leg1.state.va.us/000/src.htm>



PHONE NUMBERS

Fairfax County Crime Solvers :
1-866-411-TIPS

Fairfax County Police Non-Emergency:
703-691-2131

Sully District Crime Prevention Office:
703-814-7018
or
703-814-7048

Child Car Seat Installation:
Sully District Station
703-814-7000 x 5140

Citizen Reporting System (to file reports only)
703-691-2131



By: Carol Burton– Sully SALT co-chair

Seniors (55 and over) in the Sully Police District are active, committed people. Many still work outside their homes and are busy with sports, crafts, grandchildren and community involvement.

But crime still happens, even to the most aware seniors, and it's worse for those who are alone, fragile and vulnerable as they age.

Now there is a nationwide organization to address crime specifically targeting seniors called TRIAD.

Started in 1988, in Louisiana, TRIAD is a partnership between law enforcement and citizens aimed at preventing seniors from being victimized by criminals.

Virginia TRIAD began in 1995 and is overseen by the Commonwealth's Attorney General's office. There are many chapters throughout the Commonwealth, from urban to rural areas.

Here in Fairfax County each police substation hosts a S.A.L.T. (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) council. This brings citizens, law enforcement, clergy, county aging representatives, elected officials and the business community together to fight crime against seniors.

We want you and all your fellow seniors to take a break from your activities and join us!

Topics for this coming year include: Crime prevention and seniors, home security checks, understanding domestic violence, personal safety while shopping or in public and help with consumer fraud.

We hope to have a variety of speakers at our meetings and are seeking interested participants. We also hope to distribute folders with valuable information to citizens in the future.

Many...many plans– and we need our energized citizens to help! We hope you'll be a part of this group. For more information and to learn how to get involved, call PFC P. B. Katinsky at 703-814-7018. You can also e-mail me at pkatin@fairfaxcounty.gov.

This document is available in an alternative format upon request. Please call the Fairfax County Police Department at 703-246-7562. TTY 703-204-2264. Allow seven working days for preparation of the material.

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